

Minutes of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)

The general membership meeting luncheon of ASMC was held 7 October 2004 at the Commons, Fort McPherson.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30 a.m. by President Mason. The invocation was given by MAJ Lund, Installation Management Agency's Chaplain.

President Mason introduced our speaker, Mr. Steve Bonta, Director, Defense and Finance Accounting Services, Army, Subject: Transformation of DFAS Systems. Slides were not used. He is responsible for the oversight of a network of eight operating agencies.

The speaker gave the audience an opportunity to ask questions before his presentation. Mr. Bonta emphasized that he works for us but DOD is his employer. DFAS is planning to pilot a system that will consolidate all DOD databases in an effort to reduce Standard Financial Systems (STANFINS) databases and to manage STANFINS more efficiently. The system will be planned and activated by using contractors but later manned by employees. DFAS will partner with IMA to pilot the initial system (no change in APC) with service maintained by DFAS. This initiative supports the Business Management Modernization Program's (BMMP) goal to provide timely, accurate, and reliable information for business management and improved business operations to the war fighter and DOD customers. BMMP will lead DOD's business transformation. This initiative also demonstrates alignment to the Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA). BEA provides a blueprint for financial information that permeates all parts of an organization (integration). Ultimately, arms the warfighter through business improvement.

Business Meeting:

Audience was reminded to participate in the first upcoming social, the Botanical Gardens on 27 Oct and the CSRS luncheon/training for 17 Nov at the Commons. This is the first of several social events tentatively planned for ASMC in response to previous surveys.

ASMC's president presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Bonta and a donation to the scholarship fund in his name.

Meeting was adjourned by the president at 12:40.

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